

REMARKS:

Status Of Claims

Claims 1-20 are currently pending in the application with claims 1, 17, and 20 being independent.

Office Action

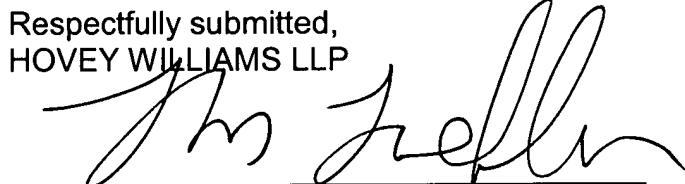
In the office action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite. On February 12, 2003 the Examiner agreed to make the changes reflected in this amendment and that such changes would result in a notice of allowance. However, as today is the last day for reply to the office action, Applicant is forced to submit these changes. It should be obvious that these changes are not limiting in scope and merely serve to clarify the invention.

In view of the foregoing, a Notice of Allowance appears to be in order and such is courteously solicited.

Any additional fee which is due in connection with this amendment should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

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